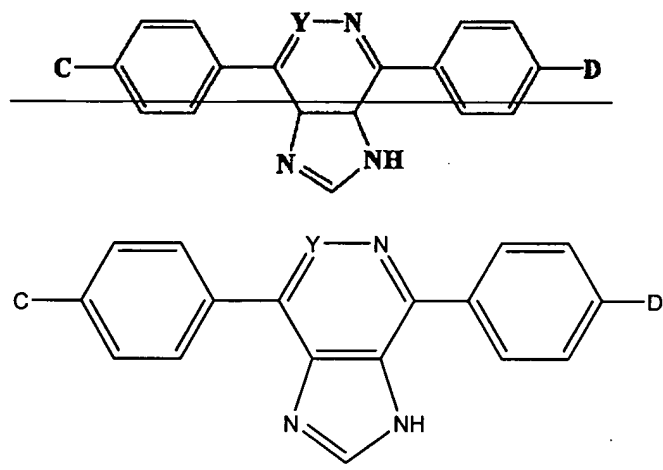


AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 18, line 8 as follows:

2. Imidazole derivatives represented by the following general formula:

Formula 5



wherein C and D represent an aromatic hydrocarbon group optionally having another substituents including a carboxyl group or a heterocyclic group or an aromatic group containing a heteroatom in a ring, C and D may be identical with each other or different from each other, and Y represents a carbon atom optionally having a carboxyl group.